



**BUREAU OF
WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

NEVADA STATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN - 2004 REVISION -

The purpose of these workshops is to solicit input from the public to update the State Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The current SWMP was adopted in 1992. The Division of Environmental Protection began to update the plan in 2002 and proposes to complete this project in 2004. The purpose of this update is to analyze the State's solid waste management system, identify significant issues, and propose regulatory, statutory or institutional changes to address these issues. An initial round of workshops was held in 2002. A second round of workshops will be held in April 2004 to obtain further public input on solid waste issues in Nevada.

The 1992 plan was driven by the new federal municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) standards under RCRA Subtitle D and Nevada's need to develop the necessary statutes, regulations and other elements of a program to implement those standards. In conjunction with the landfill standards, Nevada also adopted standards for municipal recycling programs and a goal of recycling at least 25% of each municipality's solid waste.

Since the 1992 plan was adopted, Nevada has substantially implemented the landfill standards, and some municipal recycling programs are approaching the 25% recycling goal. On the other hand, Nevada's overall recycling rate has remained flat between 11-15%, rural communities still struggle to meet basic solid waste system needs, landfills originally permitted to serve small rural communities are proposing expansions to accept out-of-state waste, and some special wastes are becoming a growing problem for the existing solid waste system.

Given the above considerations, the Division proposes to discuss the following issues in the upcoming workshops and to address them in the revision of the State SWMP:

- ❑ Solid waste importation
- ❑ Adequacy of design and ground-water monitoring standards for regional landfills
- ❑ Permit fees for disposal sites
- ❑ Improving solid waste management systems in rural Nevada
- ❑ Recycling
 - Full implementation of existing standards
 - New initiatives to meet the 25% recycling rate goal
- ❑ Special waste management
 - Electronic wastes
 - Infectious medical waste
 - Household hazardous waste

The Division encourages comments and participation from all stakeholders, including the general public, at the following workshops:

- Elko -** April 19, 2004, Monday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Elko County Public Library, 720 Court Street
(775) 738-3066
- Winnemucca -** April 20, 2004, Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Humboldt County Courthouse, 50 W. 5th Street
(775) 623-6300
- Las Vegas -** April 21, 2004, Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Clark County Public Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road
(702) 507-3400
- Carson City -** April 22, 2004, Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, 123 W. Nye Lane, Rm 217
(775) 687-9462
- Hawthorne -** April 23, 2004, Friday, 10:00 – 12:00 a.m.
Mineral County Public Library, 1st & A Streets
(775) 945-2778

SCHEDULE FOR REVISION OF NEVADA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	
March 2002	Stakeholder surveys received
June 2002	Initial public workshops discuss legislative concepts
April 2004	Public workshops
July 2004	Initial draft plan available for comment - posted on Division website
August 2004	30-day public comment on draft SWMP
FALL 2004	Final draft plan submitted to State Environmental Commission for approval

For more information on the current revision of the State Solid Waste Management Plan visit our website at <http://www.ndep.nv.gov/> and go to the "What's New" page. The public is invited to submit written comments or questions to:

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